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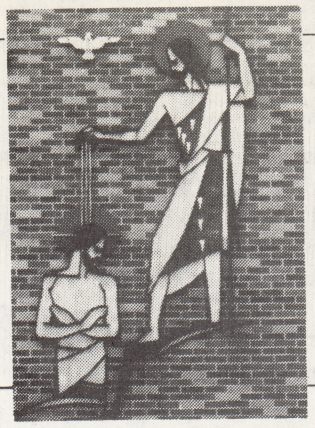


Just a Word...

by Fr. Harvey

To be part of a congregation numbering well over 100,000 people joined in the profession of one faith and sharing together the Holy Eucharist from one altar is an unforgettable experience. Such was my fortune on September 14, 1975 when Elizabeth Ann Seton was recognized and proclaimed a Saint in the Universal Church. The celebration of Elizabeth Seton's canonization was the first official activity of our Pilgrimage which concluded last week.

Eighty some members of the Lansing Diocese took part in the Holy Year Pilgrimage which was led by Bishop Sullivan, the auxiliary bishop of our Diocese.

In the days following the canonization, our pilgrimage took us to the tomb of Peter as we joined pilgrims from around the world and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in the Basilica which bears the first Pope's name. It was time to sharpen up my own facility in the Latin language since Latin remains the common language of the church. Even though many of the priests could not communicate with one another while vesting prior to Mass due to language barriers, such barriers ceased as we began to pray and sing, celebrating the Holy Liturgy.

On other days, we journeyed to the other major basilicas in Rome. Prayers for the Diocese and the whole church were prayed in St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Eucharist was celebrated again in St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran, the cathedral of Rome.

On another morning, we rose bright and early, and journeyed along the old Appian Way to the catacombs of St. Callistus. In these ancient burial grounds, deep under the earth, we wound our way past the tombs of many martyrs, including the tomb of St. Cecelia, to the tomb of an African bishop-martyr where we once more remembered the Lord in the Breaking of the Bread. Somehow, the familiar hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" which we have sung so often and so beautifully here at St. John's took on new meaning as we crowded together in a dimly lit cavernous chapel which had earth as ceiling, walls and floor, the same earth which cradles the bodies of thousands who had died professing the same faith which we could now celebrate so freely.

Later in our pilgrimage, our travels took us to Assisi. At the tomb of St. Francis, a man of seeming-contradiction to his own age and yet professing values so relevant for our own day, we once again offered the Holy Eucharist and quickly caught the spirit which lives on among those religious which follow his rule of Christian life.

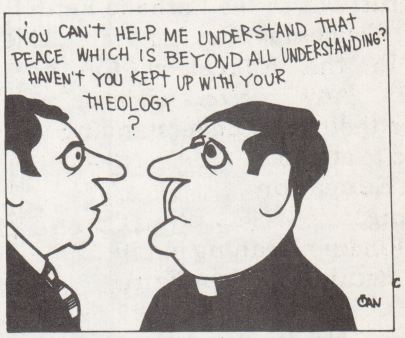
Whether our pilgrimage took us to the mighty frescoed basilica or to a small village church, it is evident that Christian faith is alive and flourishing. The effects of the Second Vatican Council were also plainly recognizable.

Indeed, the words of the Creed we profess each Sunday, "We believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church" are more than just words to this pilgrim. They describe what **we are together** in Jesus Christ.

Scripture Readings

Readings for Sunday, October 5
- Is. 5:1-7
- Phil. 4:6-9
- Mt. 21:33-43

Readings for Sunday, October 12
- Is. 25:6-10
- Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20
- Mr. 22:15-21



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY: OCT. 5, 1975

Maybe any theology falls short here.
You might try prayer. Silence. Listening.
Love someone. Be nourished by love.
This isn't theology. But it might bring that peace.

New Life in Christ

On Sunday, September 28, 1975 **Megan Alise Reaume** was welcomed into our Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated by Father David W. Harvey. **Megan** is the

daughter of Franklin and Candace (Hines) Reaume of 3509 Hillside. Her godparents are Charles and Penelope Hines. Welcome, **Megan**! Congratulations, parents!

Parish Bulletin Board of Events

FIRST PARISH DINNER
Today - Sunday, October 5
12:15 to 4:00
Prices: Adults $2.75
Children $1.50
Under 5 - Free
Menu: Swiss Steak, Slaw, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Strawberry Chiffon Pudding
Proceeds: toward portable steam table for new kitchen
Why don't you come, enjoy a meal and contribute toward a worthwhile project!

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Convert Instructions

Instructions in the Catholic Faith began Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Center Library. Any person wishing to further their faith understanding is invited to attend.

Adult Education Offering

Finding Meaning in Life
Rethinking Your Faith
Thursday Evenings
Oct. 9 - Nov. 13
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Center Library
Fr. Jerry Ploof

Senior Citizen Days

Today at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we will honor our Senior Citizens, the members of our community who give and have given of their faith and encouragement so that our parish can continuously be strengthened and supported, past and present. They will gather together for Coffee and Donuts after the Mass and entertainment will be provided...On Friday, October 10 our Senior Citizens are invited to a luncheon followed by Fr. Jerry's calling of Bingo. Make reservations with Mil Kerner at 482-9674 early.

Parish Nuptial

Mr. & Mrs. Jon Crocker

On Saturday evening, September 27, 1975, Jon Michael Crocker and Catherine Ann Radabaugh pledged their solemn vows of marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Jerry Ploof.

Jon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crocker of Dexter, and Catherine is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Radabaugh of Ypsilanti, and the late Mr. Louis Radabaugh.

Witnesses of the vows were Gloria Herrman of Ypsilanti, and Pete Birchmeier of Dexter. Sister Ann Stein of Ann Arbor was the lector, and John and Jim Pryce served as acolytes.

Music was provided by the groom's brother, Tom Crocker, who was guitarist and soloist, and Miss Marie Stachlewitz, organist.

Congratulations, Jon and Cathy!

Women's Festival

For, By, and About Women
Sunday, October 26, 1975
2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Washtenaw Community College

Would you like to know the latest advances in medical care for women?

Would you like to know how the Law affects women in jobs, in property, in marriage and divorce, in the environment around us?

Would you like to know about women in prisons, in mental hospitals, in rehabilitation centers?

Would you like to see and hear women artists, singers, photographers, sculptors?

Would you like to see the latest movies, plays, dances on the women's movement?

Would you like to find out about the latest in nutrition, child care, and services for young mothers?

Would you like to exhibit your quilts, crafts, canned goods baked goods?

Would you like to meet and talk to women in business, unions, trades, and professions?

Would you like to meet and talk to all the elected women officials in Washtenaw County?

come to the fair!

In Memoriam

Beatrice Beekman October 16, 1974

Neighboring Parishes Invitations

...**Silver Anniversary Celebration** at St. Francis from 12:30 to 6:30 presented by their Men's Club. Chicken Bar-b-Cue today: Adults $2.75 - Children $1.50. Eat there or drive through.

...**Annual Roast Beef Dinner** at St. Elizabeth Tecumseh next Sunday from 11:30 to 6:30. Adults: $3.00 - Youth $1.50 - under 5 free.

Single Catholic Adults

The SCA monthly meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the basement of St. John's Rectory in Ypsilanti, on Friday, October 3. Eat out, at Casa Nova, follows. October 11 at 9 p.m. we'll be dancing at the Old Heidelberg in Ann Arbor. Midnight Mass at St. Mary's after. The Halloween Hayride at Ed's is on Saturday, October 25. Meet at St. Francis at 7:30 for car pools. Wagon leaves Ed's, in Manchester, at 8:30. Real Horses! For information call Sue at 482-1942. Thank you.

SCA Publicity

From the Office of Communications

This week we present some quick facts on older citizens in connection with senior citizens Sunday...The purpose to remove some of the myths about older people, and plant a few seeds of awareness of their real problems.

MYTH: Older people are a real care.

FACT: Only one senior citizen in 20 lives in an institution.

MYTH: Because of retirement and social security, most older people are in pretty good financial shape.

FACT: Older Americans have less than half the income of the general population, and they must spend proportionately more of their income for the necessities of life.

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The Church's teaching that "extraordinary means" need not be used to prolong life is highlighted in New Jersey dilemma of Catholic parents of Karen Quinlan whose breathing is sustained only by mechanical means. Parents and local priest asked hospital to remove devices and "let nature take its course." Courts have so far refused removal of machines.

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Prayer of the week: O Lord help my words to be gracious and tender today...for tomorrow I may have to eat them.

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A parish in California is resettling 30 Vietnamese refugee families. Parishioners purchased an apartment so they could live together. Diocese of Lansing is still encouraging parish sponsorship of families.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, October 6 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention of Ben & Mary Lee Sharp
- 2:30 p.m. NO MASS AT PARKVIEW NURSING HOME

TUESDAY, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
- 7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mueller, req. by the Family
- 5:15 p.m. Harold Lonskey, req. by Ernest Parker

WEDNESDAY, October 8 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Ronald Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Walker
- 9:00 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 9 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Andrew Liptow, Month Anniv., req. by Adelaide & Marie Seeger

FRIDAY, October 10 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Lenore Draper, req. by Mrs. R. M. L'Amoreaux

SATURDAY, October 11 - Weekday
- 9:00 a.m. Patrick Brown, req. by Mary Barton
- 5:15 p.m. Michael Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Phenicie

SUNDAY, October 12
- 7:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. Max Seeger, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Otto
- 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Spitler, req. by Tom Meyer Household
- 12:30 p.m. Louis Burke, req. by Irene Schrepper

Financial Barometer September 28, 1975

Sunday Offering	$2,509.00
Hall Renovation	288.00
Catholic University	396.25
Special Donation	800.00

One of the basics of Christian stewardship is to keep one's standard of giving in line with one's standard of living. This may require adjustments from time to time. Folks going on retirement may need to cut back. Younger people on the way up will want to upgrade. It is a personal and family decision based on the facts of life - and our Christian motives in the use of temporal goods. Be a good steward...give proportionate to your income.

Thank You's Due

...to the outgoing Coffee and Donuts crew as we begin another year of sociability after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. We are grateful for your help of last year and grateful to the new crew for volunteering their services in this area.

...to the outgoing Babysitting crew who faithfully attended the youngsters of our parish during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Mrs. Frances Schenher is the Chairperson for this fiscal year and is already knee-deep in ideas for brightening up the room and giving the youngsters every advantage of tender-loving-care. We are happy that so many have offered to help with this work this year and are still looking for a few more volunteers for the 11:00 a.m. Mass and for the 5:00 p.m. Masses.

...to the Picnic/Festival Committee for stretching their generosity into so many hours to give service to the youngsters and oldsters who had alot of fun last Sunday at our inside festival. We are looking ahead to bigger and better participation for next summer as we continue our planning sessions.

...to the many who have been steadily working on items for the Christmas Bazaar. November 15 is coming all too soon and we hope that many more are continuing to think ahead. When you are canning, set some aside for the bazaar, or baking, or whatever...we need your donations.

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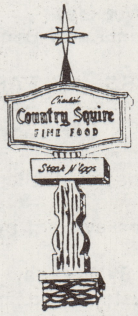

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